

Dear Davie County Residents,

Every 3 to 4 years local health departments and Healthy Carolinians groups across North Carolina are assigned with the responsibility of conducting a Community Health Assessment in their respective county.

The Community Health Assessment is the foundation for improving and promoting the health of the community. The purpose of the assessment is to identify factors that affect the health of a population and determine if proper resources are available to address these issues. Through collaborative efforts among community leaders like you, the community can begin to answer questions relating to health status and available resources for all human services.

In a community-based health assessment, community members take the lead role in forming partnerships, gathering data, determining priority issues, identifying resources and planning community programs.

The community has the primary responsibility of determining the focus of assessment activities at every level, which includes the collection and interpretation of data, evaluation of resources, identification of problems, and development of strategies to address these problems. Thus, the community health assessment is completed by the community rather than on the community.

This process in Davie County will begin the week of June 16th and conclude at the end of December, when the document is completed. Please take part and complete the assessment survey on the Davie County website (<http://www.daviecountync.gov/>).

To assist us in this important endeavor, I am inviting you or a representative of your organization to participate as a member of our Community Health Assessment Advisory Work Group. The Advisory Group will assist us in collecting and reviewing data, performing surveys and focus groups, providing suggestions for interventions, reviewing recommended goals and objectives, and act as an advocate for our community assessment. Please contact Brandi Patti, Health Education Specialist, at (336) 753-6750 to confirm that you or a representative will be participating in this partnership.

Thank you again for your support of the Davie County Health Assessment initiative and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Davie County Health Department.

Sincerely,

Brandi Patti
Health Education Specialist